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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
09BERN279	2009-07-06 07:31	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Embassy Bern

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 07/05/2034 \
TAGS: [PARM](#) [MTCRE](#) [ETTC](#) [MNUC](#) [KSCA](#) [SZ](#) [SY](#)
SUBJECT: (S) FURTHER INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE EFFORT BY \
SYRIA'S MISSILE PROGRAM TO OBTAIN HIGH-SPEED CAMERA FROM \
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SWISS FIRM \

REF: A. STATE 68231 \

1B. BERN 278 \

Classified By: Acting POLE Counselor Leslie Freriksen for reasons 1.4(b \), (c), and (d). \

11. (S) On July 3, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs \ (SECO) Head of Export Control Licensing Division Juergen \ Boehler provided additional information in response to ref A \ non-paper. Boehler confirmed that the planned export of the \ high speed camera has been stopped. AOS Technologies had \ announced this export to SECO. Boehler will notify the \ denial of export to the appropriate point of contact at the \ Missile Technology Control Regime. \ CARTER \

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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU\

TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1003\

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RUEHUJA/AMEMBASSY ABUJA 0315\

RUEHFR/AMEMBASSY PARIS 1476\

RUEHLO/AMEMBASSY LONDON 0448 UNCLAS COTONOU 000278 \

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LONDON FOR PETER LORD \

PARIS FOR BKANEDA \

E.O. 12958: N/A \

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SUBJECT: BENIN: POLICE INTERCEPTS 11 ALLEGED TRAFFICKING VICTIMS IN \ TRANSIT TO NIGERIA \

11. SUMMARY: On June 20, 2009, Beninese Security Forces intercepted \ a vehicle in Cotonou transporting eleven children from the \ Togo-Benin border to be allegedly trafficked to Lagos, Nigeria. On \ June 22, 2009, the Minors' Protection Brigade (BPM) interviewed the \ alleged traffickers and the victims and referred them to the Court \ of Cotonou for further legal action. END SUMMARY. \

12. On June 20, 2009, officers of the Dantopka's Police Station, in \ Cotonou, intercepted a car transporting eleven Togolese children who \ had entered Benin at Hillacondji, the Benin-Togo border station. The \ car was passing through Cotonou, en route to the Nigerian border, \ when the police stopped it. The police handed over the eleven \ allegedly trafficked children, the suspected trafficker (a Togolese \ woman), and the driver to the BPM. \

13. On June 22, 2009, the BPM interviewed the two suspects and the \ eleven children. The Head of the BPM, Commissioner Louis Tokpanou, \ told Post that the woman claimed she was accompanying the children \ to Lagos where they would spend holidays with their respective \ relatives, a piece of information confirmed by the children. She \ said that she was acquainted with only eight of the children, but a \ friend asked her to take the three other children to Lagos as well. \ Tokpanou said that some of the rescued children had ID cards, which \ made identification easier. Following the interception of the \ alleged victims, individuals of Nigerian nationality rushed in to \ the BPM and claimed that they were the children's relatives living \ in Lagos. \

14. After the interview phase, the BPM referred the children, the \ persons claiming to be the children's relatives, the Togolese woman, \ and the driver to the prosecutor at Cotonou's Court for further \ action. It then sent the alleged victims to the Cotonou based Swiss \ NGO Terre des Hommes shelter, for care. Tokpanou says he can not \ assert that the case constitutes a child-trafficking without further \ investigation by the prosecutor. \

15. Commissioner Topkanou briefed the press on the case. Initial \
media reaction suggested that the suspected woman was a known \
child-trafficker. \

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